

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-3, 9-14 and 18-25 stand rejected.

Claims 4-8 and 15-17 are objected to.

Claims 4-6 and 15 have been amended. No New matter has been added.

Claims 26-31 are allowed.

Claims 1-31 are pending.

II. Acknowledgement of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 4-8 and 15-17. Applicant has amended the claims accordingly.

III. Objections to the Title and Abstract

The Examiner has objected to the Title as not being sufficiently descriptive. Additionally, the Examiner has objected to the Abstract as being too long.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Title conforms with U.S.P.T.O practice and procedure. In particular, the title of the instant application is sufficiently brief and technically accurate so as to conform with U.S.P.T.O practice and procedure. (See C.F.R. 1.72). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Applicants have submitted a substitute Abstract that is less than 150 words and thus, complies with U.S.P.T.O practice. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 9-14 and 18-25 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Applicants respectfully submit that those claims have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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